

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: MARCH 2, 2015

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS WOOD
GIRARD
FRASIER
BROCK
SEEBER
SIMPSON

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR TAYLOR

OTHERS PRESENT:

BRIAN LAFLURE, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
AMY DREXEL, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
BUD YORK, SHERIFF
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JOAN SADY, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS MERLINO
SOKOL
MICHAEL GATES, CORRECTIONS CAPTAIN
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*
SAMANTHA HOGAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Mrs. Wood called the meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 9:30 a.m.

Motion was made by Mrs. Frasier, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Public Safety Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Bud York, Sheriff, who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing the agenda review, Sheriff York presented a request to enter into a new agreement with SimplexGrinnell, LP for the lump sum amount of \$1,588.64 for internal obstruction inspection of the fire sprinkler system, for the term commencing upon execution and terminating upon the completion of the inspection.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Brock and carried unanimously to approve the request to enter into a new contract with SimplexGrinnell, LP, as outlined above, and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 20th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Next, Sheriff York presented a request to amend Resolution 590 of 2014, to allow payment for the LexisNexis inmate law library services contract to be made from the Warren County Sheriff's Office Commissary Account.

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above, and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 20th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Seeber expressed how pleased she was to see this Item on the agenda and asked Sheriff York if he could explain how this was accomplished. Sheriff York explained this was possible due to change in the Commission of Corrections' rules, which, he opined, was finally in the County's favor.

Michael Gates, Corrections Captain noted the change in the governing of operations would allow access to a virtual Law Library instead of an actual Law Library system. He added that since

Warren County had the Supreme Court Library, the interpretation was such that inmates had access to the Library and anything over and above, in this case the LexisNexis system, would be considered suitable for payment through the Inmate Commissary Fund. Captain Gates further explained the minimum standards covered the establishment of a commissary for the sale of food items, clothing and miscellaneous personal care items for self contained services with a modest profit at the Sheriff's discretion. He advised the profits were to be deposited into a separate bank account under the control of the Sheriff and audited annually by the County Auditor; he added there was currently \$111,000.00 in that account. He noted the money collected could be used for recreational items, work program necessities, etc. Captain Gates advised the account was monitored very closely by the Commission and could not be co-mingled with County funds.

Mr. Girard asked if the monies in the account replenish annually and Captain Gates replied affirmatively, noting they received an average of \$3,000 to \$4,000 each month.

Mr. Girard asked what the cost for LexisNexis Contract had been and Captain Gates answered \$40,000.00; which Sheriff York reiterated this would not be funded from the 2015 Budget.

Moving on to topics for discussion, Sheriff York advised four (4) Correction Officers positions had been filled, due to one (1) resignation, one (1) termination, and two (2) promotions. He stated the impact to the budget would be a cost savings of \$36,360.

Lastly, Sheriff York shared with the Committee an article titled "Warren County Sheriff Bud York Elected to the Executive Committee of the New York State Sheriff's Association." *The article can be found on file with the minutes.*

There being no further business for Sheriff York to address, privilege of the floor was extended to Brian LaFlure, Director of the Office of Emergency Services, who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing his agenda review, Mr. LaFlure requested to appoint members to the Warren County Fire Advisory Board, as outlined on the resolution request form.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Brock and carried unanimously to appoint members to the Warren County Fire Advisory Board as outlined above. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 20, 2015 Board meeting.*

Next, Mr. LaFlure presented a request to approve revisions to the Warren County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) which had been made to various sections.

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 20th Board meeting. *A copy of the request form is on file with the meeting minutes; the updated plan documents are on file with the Clerk of the Board.*

Mr. LaFlure advised Amy Drexel, Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Services, worked very hard on these plans, so much so that her work had been recognized across New York State. He further noted that Warren County's plans were being used as an example for other counties to reference.

Next, Mr. LaFlure presented the request to establish Capital Project H358.9550 280 (Hazard Mitigation Grant Program) in the amount of \$150,000, for the purpose of updating the Warren County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously to approve the request and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the request is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Lastly, Mr. LaFlure advised Chairman Geraghty had renewed his training at the recent NYSAC (New York State Association of Counties) conference and now met the New York State requirements necessary to allow the County to continue to apply for grants.

As there was no further business to come before the Public Safety Committee on motion made by Mrs. Frasier and seconded by Mr. Girard, Ms. Wood adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Hogan, Assistant Secretary to the Clerk of the Board